

Salina Economic Development Incentives Council Minutes

June 13, 2007

3:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Alan E. Jilka (presiding officer), Saline County Chair Craig Stephenson, Larry Britegam, John Divine, Phyllis Anderson, Eric Hardman, and Scott Bergkamp.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Jason Gage, City Manager, Dennis Lauver, Chamber of Commerce Director, and Lieu Ann Elsey, City Clerk.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Jilka called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 26, 2006 Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Divine, seconded by Britegam, to approve the July 26, 2006 minutes as presented. Aye: (7). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

3. Action Items

a. Economic Development Plan Discussion

Dennis Lauver, Chamber of Commerce Director, outlined the strategic plan and asked the Council to endorse the plan.

A discussion followed between Council Member Divine and Mr. Lauver regarding the Salina Economic Development Team. Divine felt that it was important to include child care and opportunities for minorities within the plan. Mr. Lauver responded to Divine's concerns.

MOTION: Moved by Divine, seconded by Stephenson, to endorse the Economic Development Plan for the Salina area. Aye: (7). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

b. Executive Session.

MOTION: Moved by Hardman, seconded by Britegam, to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation for the reason that public discussion of the confidential data would result in a competitive disadvantage to the corporation. Aye: (7). Nay: (0). Motion carried.

The Council recessed into executive session at 3:20 p.m.

Mayor Jilka requested an additional 20 minutes at 3:40 p.m.

Mayor Jilka requested an additional 10 minutes at 4:02 p.m.

Mayor Jilka requested an additional 10 minutes at 4:12 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

4. Other Business

Council Member Divine asked if the Council would consider supporting some type of development training for entrepreneurs.

Divine responded to Mayor Jilka's question on whether the targeted audience would only include businesses that were starting or businesses that wanted to expand.

A discussion followed between the Council, Mr. Lauver, and Mr. Gage, regarding current programs that are provided, the council being advocates for the training programs that are currently being provided, and funding in accordance to the resolution establishing the council.

Council Member Britegam left at 4:40 p.m.

Craig Stephenson, Saline County Commission Chair, noted the need to look back in history to see why major businesses such as Philips Lighting and Exide located here.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.